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SUBJ: MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR EX-MINISTER OF DEFENSE

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH ME AND WITH THE US MILITARY GROUP COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL HOMERO IGNACIO LEAL TORRES, WHO RETIRED ON JANUARY 20 AS VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, REQUESTED MEDICAL TREATMENT AT WALTER REED MEDICAL CENTER.
 2. THE EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM LEAL A MEDICAL REPORT PREPARED BY A VENEZUELAN PHYSICIAN ON JANUARY 16 WHICH CONCLUDES, "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT GEN. LEAL HAS AN OBSTRUCTIVE LIVER DISEASE, BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INFLAMMATORY DISEASE OF THE COMMON DUCT AND THE CYSTIC DUCT CANNOT BE DISREGARDED. SURGICAL TREATMENT SEEMS MANDATORY." IF REQUIRED, EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE COMPLETE TEXT OF MEDICAL REPORT AND RESULTS OF RECENT RADIOLOGY TEST; OTHERWISE, LEAL WILL BRING COMPLETE MEDICAL RECORDS WITH HIM.
 3. LEAL IS AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY. HE AGREES TO DEFRAID ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOSPITALIZATION AND TREATMENT.
 4. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEEK AUTHORIZATION FOR LEAL TO BE ADMITTED TO WALTER REED. AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE, LEAL WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF THE US, AND HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE WILL ENSURE HIM CONTINUING INFLUENCE WITH THE GOV AND
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WITH THE VENEZUELAN MILITARY.

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